

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

November 30, 2010

Members Present: Lynda Walsh, Chairman
James J. DeVellis, Clerk
Lorraine Brue
Paul Mortenson

Others Present: Kevin Paicos, Town Manager
Debbie Giardino, Recreation Director
Peter St. Laurent, Board of Recreation
Police Chief Edward T. O'Leary
Raungdet (Danny) Titisuttikul, Bangkok Café

The meeting was brought to order at 7:00 p.m. by Lynda Walsh, Chairman.

7:00 – Citizens' Input – Kevin Paicos, Town Manager, announced that the Recreation Department had received a grant and a check for the gift fund. These funds are the result of hard work by the Recreation Department staff, the Town Planner and the Planning Department.

Debbie Giardino, Recreation Director, came before the Board seeking acceptance of a check, to be deposited in the Mill St. Gift Fund account, in the amount of \$16,000 from Joseph L. Lynch, Mill Street Preserve I & II. Debbie also announced receipt of a matching grant for that amount by the playground manufacturer, Gametime. There is a time issue to be considered; the deadline for submitting the paper work associated with the grant is December 31, 2010. She pointed out that the one thing the Cocasset River Recreation Area does not have is a playground. These funds will provide a playground at no cost to the Town. Debbie expressed gratitude to all who helped make this come about particularly the Town Planner, Marc Resnick and the Planning Board. She said this "speaks volumes" about cooperation between Town Departments, other Boards and entities to move forward seeking alternative funding to provide better and more recreational opportunities for the community. Debbie noted that MOMs of Foxborough donated \$2,000 to the Booth Playground gift fund.

Peter St. Laurent said the Town would see "a lot of good things happening at Mill Street." He noted that all the new equipment has to be inspected and Recreation would be calling for help when the playground equipment is delivered. Jim DeVellis said this is "fantastic" and he is very familiar with Gametime top-of-the line equipment.

Motion by Jim DeVellis to accept the check in the amount of \$16,000 from Joseph L. Lynch to be deposited in the Mill Street Recreation Area gift fund. Seconded by Lorraine Brue. **Vote: 4-0-0**

Chief O'Leary gave a brief update regarding speed signs particularly for the Town Common area. He has been contacted by several citizens concerning traffic in the down town area. Down town is a 20 mph zone. He is working with Bob Swanson to have signs installed to alert citizens of that speed. In his opinion, this should have a positive impact as far as drivers stopping at the cross walks.

Bob Boette, Board of Conservation, introduced Jane Pierce, Conservation Manager. She explained that a \$2,000 grant has been dedicated to research open space in Foxborough. The Commission has managed to secure an intern from Americorp to work on this project. The plan is to get maps together in a consistent manner using an updated GIS system. This is moving along rapidly and should be completed by the end of December to distribute to Town committees for comment. The basis for this is so that the Town can acquire points to apply for grants for open space and recreation. All this has to be approved by the State. Jane pointed out that the website has been updated; there are 6 maps there for information. She said that this is a work in progress. Conservation will be looking for comments and input in writing to be part of the plan when it is submitted to the State.

Jim DeVellis said he had attended a meeting regarding open space. He pointed out that the intern is at no cost to the Town. He said the soft ware has to be updated. This is going to open doors to a lot of opportunities for the Town; residents are going to be able to see their own property, view zoning and overlay districts and should be helpful to the assessors; these are only a few of the many ways an updated GIS will benefit the Town.

Gordon Greene, 23 Villa Drive, referred to last week's discussion about the possibility of getting funds based on the scholastic super bowl games. He pointed out that the Kraft Group has donated the use of the fields and related costs. He said it is a disgrace for the Town to think of making money on others' charitable actions. He feels that Town should "just forget that and be a good citizen."

7:05 – Public Hearing – Bangkok Café – Jim DeVellis, Clerk, read the Public Hearing Notice. The purpose of this Public Hearing is to discuss the application from Sittikul Corp. d/b/a Bangkok Café at 369 Central Street, Foxborough. Raungdet (Danny) Titisuttikul, Manager, Bangkok Café, and Todd Glickman, friend and supporter, came before the Board seeking an All Alcohol Restaurant License.

Raungdet Titisuttikul gave a brief background noting that the business had been in Foxborough for 18 years and have had a beer and wine license. He would like to be able to serve cocktails with the dinners. He has had many requests from customers for drinks other than beer or wine. Chief O'Leary said the business is an exceptional operation, well run and there has never been any

problem with clientele. A brief discussion ensued regarding re-location due to possible construction for a Big-Y Supermarket in the Plaza. Todd Glickman said he would like to see some assurances that long time tenants would be relocated in the Plaza. Lorraine Brue inquired about the number of liquor licenses available. Kevin Paicos explained that this is the last All Alcohol Restaurant License and if the Board approves this application it would leave only two pouring beer and wine licenses available. He also assured the applicant he would make sure the existing tenants are kept informed on what is going on.

Motion by Paul Mortenson to close the Public Hearing. Seconded by Lorraine Brue. **Vote: 4-0-0**

Motion by Paul Mortenson to approve the Application for a Change of License Type from Wine & Malt to All Alcohol Restaurant License as submitted by Suttikul Corporation d/b/a Bangkok Café, Manager Raungdet Titisuttikul. Seconded by Lorraine Brue. **Vote: 4-0-0**

7:20 – Special Town Meeting Warrant – Kevin Paicos reported to the Board that the Warrant Articles dealing with the Patriots has not been ratified as of this date. Because this is the primary reason for holding a STM, he does not know whether there is reason to hold the Town Meeting. He said it is a decision for the Board to make. Chief O'Leary said he has no problem holding off on the articles he has submitted for the STM Warrant. Lynda Walsh expressed the concern that without the Patriot articles there might be a problem getting a quorum for the STM. Kevin Paicos pointed out that the Board can wait a couple of weeks before making a decision. If the time goes into March it brings it too close to the Annual Town Meeting. Bob Boette asked if the article submitted by Conservation had been reviewed by Town Counsel for correct wording. Further discussion was held regarding the number of articles for the ATM if there is no STM, the date for closing the Warrant and time concerns of the Advisory Committee.

7:50 – Goals and Objectives Discussion – Kevin Paicos showed the Board a list of goals and objectives he has compiled. He said these are things all the departments have given him as issues. He called it a laundry list. He asked to have that list compared to the list of Goals and Objectives submitted by Lorraine Brue. Duplications would be eliminated. Kevin pointed out that it would be impossible to accomplish all that is on these two lists in one year. He said he would support having a separate meeting to make decisions on priorities and to have discussions on these issues. The Board agreed to hold such a meeting on Tuesday, December 7th.

ACTION:

Minutes – The Minutes for the Meeting of November 09, 2010 were again put on hold until all members of the Board are present.

Hackie License Renewal – Received from Ramaswamy Kortagere, 100 Union Street, Walpole, an application for a Hackie License Renewal for two years.

Motion by Paul Mortenson to approve the application for a two-year Hackie License Renewal as submitted by Ramaswamy Kortagere. Seconded by Lorraine Brue. **Vote: 4-0-0**

Extended Hours Request – Received from O'Charley's Inc., on behalf of 99 Restaurant, 4 Fisher Street Foxborough as request for extended hours for 2010 and 2011 on Sundays. Serving alcohol with food starting at 11:00 a.m.

Motion by Paul Mortenson to approve the request for extended hours on Sundays for the remainder of 2010 and 2011 as submitted by O'Charley's Inc. subject to service with food. Seconded by Lorraine Brue. **Vote: 4-0-0**

First & Goal – One Day All Alcohol Licenses – Received from Fred Smerlas on behalf of First & Goal an application for One-Day All Alcohol License for possible play off dates in January, 2011.

Motion by Paul Mortenson to approve the application for One-Day All Alcohol License as submitted by Fred Smerlas, First & Goal for possible play off games, the dates to be determined. Seconded by Lorraine Brue. **Vote: 4-0-0**

Marc Resnick, Town Planner – Received notice of Public Hearing for "Christensen Estates" for Special Permit – Definitive Subdivision Plan, scheduled for 8:00 p.m., Thursday, December 9, 2010. No action required.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Kevin Paicos said he had gone through the BOS policy book. He found many things that are not policies some things come under the control of the Town Manager. He spoke briefly of a policy for Town Counsel that did not relate to the BOS. There was a letter from Andy Gala with instructions as to the use of Town Counsel by other departments, boards and committees but he was really looking for a procedure. He will draft something within in the next few weeks that will include procedures for use of Town Counsel, a procedure for approval of Class II license applications, etc. A brief discussion was held.

Kevin said he would try to send out a Town Manager's report for every meeting. He asked that anyone who would like to receive the report, such as department heads and Advisory Committee members, let him know e-mail addresses. The report would also be posted on the web site.

Kevin notified the Board of the Annual MIAA Meeting to be held January 22, 2010. Attendance must be registered soon. Jim DeVellis and Lorraine Brue expect to attend.

Motion by Paul Mortenson to adjourn. Seconded by Lorraine Brue.
Vote: 4-0-0 Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

James J. DeVellis, Clerk